

Sep 27

September, wet, warm, stormy

September turned the tables on the previous three months by its extreme wetness, almost double the normal rain falling.

In all 134mm (5.26in) fell in a total of 73 hours over a period of 18 days.

Of these 10 were 'very wet' and 13 'wet', September 19 producing a fall of 22.5mm (0.89 in) in just over six hours, giving us the third wettest September in 36 years of recording at Halesowen Climatological Station.

TEMPERATURES

Sunshine was also well up on average at 166 hours, 32 per cent above normal, the sunniest day being the fifth with 11.1 hours, no day being completely sunless.

In view of the high sunshine totals. tem-

peratures have been well above expectation ranging from 25.2C (77F) on the fifth to 6.8C (44F) on the 29th when the grass fell to 3C (37F). No frost was recorded.

Pressure has been very low with depressions crossing the country, some of these being very deep and producing gales.

STORMY NIGHT

The night of September 19/20 was very stormy with gusts of 46kt (53 mph). Total wind run was 5412 miles at 180 miles per day, just over 7.5 mph and predominantly SW.

Thunder was heard on four occasions far more than usual for a month which is customarily one of calm conditions and heavy mists.